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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

For: **VIRAL EXPRESSION VECTORS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Amendment (as submitted with the continuation application filed herewith) be considered prior to examination of the above-cited application. Accompanying this amendment are the following documents:

1. Continuation application (specification, figures, abstract);
2. Application transmittal sheet (including request to cancel claims 2-15);
3. Application data entry form;
4. Copies of declaration and assignment recordation from parent application USSN 09/565,616;
5. Copies of IDS Form 1449;
6. Copy of Power of Attorney;
7. ATCC deposit receipt for plasmid PBSG1057;
8. Copy of Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 submitted in parent case; and
9. Patent Application filing acknowledgement postcard.